DOES YOUR LICENSE



Look now! Does your license or ID have a gold star in the upper right-hand corner? If it does, you have a REAL ID compliant card – if it doesn't, don't panic but keep reading.

For several years we have been on a journey to help lowans understand what that star means and how to get it. As a DOT employee, it's important to make sure you know what it is and how to get one. As you already know, by just working at the lowa DOT, friends and family think you know everything about everything related to the department. Getting up to speed about REAL ID will help you answer questions from friends and family when they hear about REAL ID on the news or on social media.

WHAT IS IT?

The star indicates that your driver's license or ID card is considered a REAL ID and is compliant with the Federal REAL ID Act of 2005, which refers to federal anti-terrorism laws and regulations passed in response to the terrorist attacks of 9/11. The Act established federal security, authentication, and issuance standards for driver's licenses and ID cards.

Iowa adopted the REAL ID standards and began issuing REAL ID compliant credentials in January 2013. Those getting their very first Iowa license or ID will automatically get a REAL ID compliant card, but those who've had an Iowa license or ID since before 2013 have the choice of providing the additional documentation necessary to get a REAL ID.

If you have an lowa driver's license or ID (with or without the gold star) you shouldn't have any problem for now. **HOWEVER, beginning in October 2020**, anyone boarding a commercial aircraft or entering a federal facility that requires identification to enter will have to present a REAL ID compliant card that is marked with the gold star.



After October 2020, you can use your valid U.S. Passport in lieu of your license or ID if you do not have a REAL ID card, but if you do not have your passport or a REAL ID card you will be required to meet additional security verification requirements such as additional screening by TSA. This October 2020 deadline will also apply to anyone entering a federal facility (such as the Social Security Administration building, for example) or nuclear plant that requires identification to enter.

HOW DO I GET A REAL ID CARD?

Getting a REAL ID marked card isn't hard, but it does require you to bring some extra documentation into one of our driver's license service centers. The documentation you need is the same documentation that was required when you were first issued your driver's license or ID and includes proof of your identity, proof of your social security number, and proof of your lowa residential address. If your name has changed and no longer matches your proof of identity document, then you'll also need to bring legal documentation showing the name change(s) (such as a marriage certificate or divorce decree).

Anyone can use this handy tool to build a customized list of documents to bring to our service center for your REAL ID issuance. Share the link below with your friends and family! biowadot.gov/mvd/realid/success.aspx



Find more information about REAL ID at iowadot.gov/mvd/realid including an interactive checklist that helps you, your friends and family, or your customers ensure they have the right documents to get their REAL ID.

SO FAR ONLY **3%** OF IOWANS HOLD A REAL ID CARD MANY NON-REAL ID HOLDERS WON'T BE UP FOR RENEWAL UNTIL AFTER THE OCTOBER 2020 DEADLINE. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SPREAD THE WORD!

WHAT WE'RE DOING TO MAKE SURE YOUR LICENSE FLIES

To avoid a rush of customers running to our service centers in the fall of 2020, we are partnering with the IT Division, Strategic Communications & Policy, and Aviation to raise REAL ID public awareness now.

We're sending a renewal reminder postcard to every lowan before their license or ID will expire to emphasize the REAL ID deadline.



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Social media post

Strategic Communications & Policy is also utilizing social media blasts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to capture people's attention and get them talking and sharing REAL ID information with their family and friends before the enforcement deadline. If you see one of these posts on social media, please share to help spread the word.



AIRPORTS & TSA EFFORTS

The best way to get people to think about the need for a REAL ID is to catch them when they are using their ID to fly. We are partnering with TSA and Iowa's eight commercial airports to post advertisements and schedule news releases to give customers reminders of the need to obtain a REAL ID. Check them out the next time you fly!

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Make a plan to get your REAL ID license or ID soon. DOT insider tip: our service centers are busiest on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Come visit us on a Wednesday or Thursday and you will likely not face long lines. You can check out the waiting areas for each of our service centers online at iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense to see if it's busy. It doesn't cost extra to get a REAL ID. However, if you are not up for renewal, you will need to get a replacement card with the REAL ID star. The cost for a replacement card is \$10. Don't forget to double check you have all your documents before your visit.

The next time the subject of your ID or travel comes up in conversation, ask your friends and family, "Does YOUR license fly?". Be sure to give them the link to our interactive checklist so they know what documents they need to get their very own REAL ID during their next trip to see us! **iowadot.gov/mvd/realid/success.aspx**

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